IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs on page 3, line 17 through page 4, line 7 with the following amended paragraphs:

--According to the present invention, there is provided ~~an apparatus and method for combining three or more texture maps together to generate a single, combined texture map. The texture maps are repeatedly combined together in pairs, with each pair generating a larger texture map for subsequent combination with another texture map, until only one texture map remains containing all of the original texture maps.~~

~~The present invention also provides a computer program product, embodied for example as a storage medium carrying instructions or a signal carrying instructions, comprising instructions for causing a programmable processing apparatus to become operable to perform a method as set out above or to become configured as an apparatus as set out above~~ a method, performed in a processing apparatus, of processing data defining at least three two-dimensional rectangular texture maps to generate data defining a single two-dimensional rectangular texture map containing all of the starting texture maps. The method includes combining two of the texture maps by arranging them adjacent each other with an edge of one texture map parallel to an edge of the other texture map, and defining a rectangle containing the two texture maps, thereby generating a new texture map for subsequent combination and repeating the combining processing to combine texture maps in pairs, to generate a single two-dimensional rectangle containing the starting texture maps. The at least three two-dimensional rectangular texture maps that are combined include texture maps of different respective sizes.--